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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6646**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 270

**NOTE PREPARED:** Mar 17, 2009

**BILL AMENDED:** Mar 16, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Occupational Certification Requirements.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Arnold

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Rep. Tincher

**BILL STATUS:** As Passed House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**    **GENERAL**  
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                          **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) *EMSC Membership*- The bill adds: (1) a program director for an advanced life support training institution; and (2) the deputy executive director who manages the division of preparedness and training of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), as members of the Emergency Medical Services Commission (EMSC).

*EMDs, Regulated Amusement Devices, BPV Inspections*- The bill amends various provisions concerning certification and licensing requirements for: (1) emergency medical dispatchers (EMDs) and dispatch agencies; (2) regulated amusement device inspectors; and (3) boiler and pressure vessel (BPV) inspectors.

*Regulated Lifting Devices in Churches*- The bill provides that a church that applies for a renewal operating certificate for a platform lift or stairway chair lift that is considered a regulated lifting device is not required to complete certain required safety tests in order to receive the certificate if: (1) the church's platform lift or stairway chair lift remains subject to periodic inspections by the division of fire and building safety; (2) the church pays the required fee for the renewal certificate; (3) the platform lift or stairway chair lift is located on church property that is exempt from property taxes; and (4) the platform lift or stairway chair lift has a travel distance of not more than 14 feet.

*Deletions and EMD Certification Repeal*- The bill deletes obsolete provisions. The bill repeals provisions concerning certification requirements for emergency medical dispatchers and dispatch agencies.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2009.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) *EMSC Membership*- This provision would increase the

expenditures of the EMSC. Any increase in expenditure would likely be minimal. Under current law, the members of EMSC must meet at least four times per year and are entitled to travel expense reimbursement. Members that are not state employees are also entitled to a salary per diem.

*EMDs, Regulated Amusement Devices, BPV Inspections-* EMDs- The use of approved programs for certification of EMD agencies could mitigate costs to the DHS to certify this profession.

Amusement Ride Safety Officials- The provision would allow the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission (FPBSC) to approve another organization to provide certification for a level one amusement ride safety official. The FPBSC would likely be able to approve of another certification organization other than NAARSO within the course of regular business meetings.

BPV Inspections- The Fire and Building Safety Division (FBSD) would be given the authority to inspect BPVs with lapsed operating permits. Currently, if a third-party contractor via an insurance agency does not conduct an inspection, the FBSD does not have the authority to conduct the inspection. The bill does not make an appropriation; therefore, if the FBSD conducts more BPV inspections, they would have to conduct the inspections within their existing level of resources.

*EMD Certification Repeal-* There would be no fiscal impact as a result of the removal of the requirement for EMDs to be personally certified. Certification rules were not adopted. EMDs on an individual basis are not currently certified.

Background- Amusement Ride Safety- There were 924 amusement ride inspections made during 2007.

All Lifting Devices- A total of 13 field inspectors were used by FBSD during 2007, which generated total inspection fee revenue of approximately \$2.5 M.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** BPV Inspections- If more BPVs are inspected by the FBSD, fee revenue would increase. Fees for BPV inspections are placed in the Fire and Building Service Fund. The amount of revenue for FY 2008 totaled \$935,625. The amount of revenue that could be generated by additional inspections is unknown, as the current fee structure depends on the size of the heating surface area and BPV.

Background- BPV Inspections- There are currently 9,786 BPVs with a lapsed operating permit. There were 26,672 inspections performed during 2007. There are approximately 80,000 BPVs in the state.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** DHS.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** *Department of Homeland Security 2007 Annual Report*; Mara Snyder, DHS.

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